

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 remain active in this case, Claim 18 having been canceled by the present amendment, Claims 3, 6-12 and 17 having been previously canceled and Claims 13-16 having been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cottell (U.S. Patent No. 3,715,104) in view of Muller (U.S. Patent No. 2,615,692) and Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. To expedite patent issuance, Claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice by the present amendment, leaving only the allowed Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 pending.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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